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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO

Rural Planning and Development (CIDER)
(Supplementary Assistance) (MEX/75/010)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	April 1979
Starting date of project activities:	August 1975 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Government implementing agency:	Centre for Rural Development Research (CIDER) of the Ministry of Programming and Budget
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 250 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1973, the Government initiated the Public Investment Programme for Rural Development (PIDER) with the aim of achieving, within a national integrated programme, the development and organization of the rural sector and the farmers by increasing the level of production and rural incomes, and consolidating productive units. PIDER is at present working in a hundred regions of the country and has since its initiation invested US$ 600 million in the rural sector.

2. The Centre for Rural Development Research (CIDER) assists in the implementation and evaluation of public sector investment, and as a dependency of the Ministry of Programming and Budget, in particular in the development of a national system for programming in rural regions.

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3. UNDP assistance in rural development planning began under the present project in 1975. 1/ Since then the project has concentrated attention on the design of a methodology of programming and evaluation for public sector investments for the Rural Development Programme (PIDER). In 1978 CIDER carried out preliminary studies on public investments made in the rural areas of the states of Yucatán and Quintana Roo, the results of which have shown that the lack of detailed knowledge of the natural resources of the region and their potential use, and of the production techniques of Mayan agriculture, greatly affect the effectiveness of agricultural development strategies implemented to date in these regions.

4. The need to further investigate the implication of appropriate technology was expressed by CIDER and UNDP has approved further assistance.

II. Objectives and activities

5. The overall immediate objectives of the project remain to: (a) design mechanisms and programming policies (for multi-sector rural development) which will form part of the National System; (b) train the personnel who will be in charge of programming agropecuarian and rural matters; and (c) determine and implement courses on rural development programming and agropecuarian planning.

6. Within these objectives the supplementary assistance now approved will enable CIDER and the local offices of the Ministry of Programming and Budget to become familiar with the structure and operations of Mayan agriculture which is practiced on the Yucatán Peninsula, and to provide area farmers with the essential knowledge of regional agricultural methods, in order to provide for a team of trained technical personnel to work directly with the local people.

III. Inputs

7. Under the assistance approved, UNDP will provide through the Executing Agency, for the services of two experts, one in rural planning and the other in the development of food systems, as well as the consultants to assist in specific studies, particularly the ecological characteristics of the Yucatán Peninsula. In addition, a subcontract will be concluded with CIDER to utilize the services of local consultants in the study of Mayan agriculture. These local consultants will preferably be recruited from among the graduates of the University of Mérida in the field of agriculture, anthropology and economics, who speak the Mayan language.

8. The Government will provide national personnel for the research; the necessary administrative support; the necessary documentation and data resources.

IV. Financial data

9. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Personnel	332 000	128 600	460 600
Equipment	-	20 000	20 000
Consultants	11 600	24 000	35 600
Subcontracts	-	70 600	70 600
Miscellaneous/Travel	24 800	6 800	31 600
	368 400	250 000	618 400

10. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $500,000 in kind.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT

Industrial Vocational Training Centre
(EGY/79/001)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	April 1979
Starting date of project activities:	April 1979
Planned completion date:	March 1981
To be executed by:	General Organization for Industrialization (GOFI)
Co-operating agency:	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 675 400 (UNDP financed: $ 175 400) (Third-party cost sharing: $1 500 000)
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Following the completion of the study on the industrial potential of the Suez Canal Region (EGY/76/001/01) 1/, the Industrial Vocational Training Centre (IVTC) in the 10th of Ramadan City was identified as one of the projects of a priority nature to promote industrial activities in the Region. The Centre will be established in the "10th of Ramadan City" situated midway between Cairo and Ismailia. This is in line with Government policy relating to new communities, industrial development and employment generation.

2. The project will be executed by the General Organization for Industrialization (GOFI), and will be affiliated to the Productivity and Vocational Training Department within the Ministry of Industry. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has been designated as the co-operating Agency.

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II. Objectives and activities

3. The long-range objective of the project is to promote industrial development in newly established communities located in desert areas. The immediate objective is to establish a vocational training complex in the 10th of Ramadan City, which will provide training for the skilled and semi-skilled workers needed for production and maintenance in industrial enterprises currently being established there. The training planned is in line with the planned skill needs for a new city of 500,000 people, and the industries to be situated there.

4. The site of the training complex has been chosen, and the necessary buildings nearly completed. The staff and students have been identified for training to start in October 1979.

III. Inputs

5. The expertise to be provided by UNDP through the co-operating Agency will include an industrial training expert (6 man-months),an expert in audio-visual aids (3 man-months) and short-term consultants in vocational training techniques (16 man-months). Fellowships (24 man-months) will also be provided. The cost-sharing contribution from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Special Fund is directed towards the equipment component.

6. The Government is providing the land, buildings and accommodations for the trainees, the necessary counterpart staff as well as the additional equipment needed for the establishment of the training complex directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	125 100
Training	44 700
Equipment	1 500 000
Miscellaneous	5 600
Total	1 675 400
Financed by:	
UNDP	175 400
OPEC Special Fund contribution	1 500 000

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $3,250,000 of which $2,000,000 is in kind and $1,250,000 is in cash.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA

Project title and number:	Training in Agricultural Statistics and Planning (ALG/75/026)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	November 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government's inputs expressed in US dollars:	$ 1 960 400 (In kind: $1 293 000; In cash, local currency: 107 900; Cost sharing, convertible currency: 559 500 3/)
Estimated additional UNDP contribution:	$ 285 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. UNDP started assisting Algeria in the field of agricultural statistics initially with the project, Training in Agricultural Statistics and Census (ALG/74/004), which terminated in August 1977. Through this project, it was possible to resolve certain problems concerning the collection and processing of agricultural statistical information. At the present time, however, almost all of the cadres (engineers and technicians) attached to the Research and Planning Office of the Ministry of Agriculture come from establishments where the teaching of statistics, economics and planning is either non-existent or insignificant. They are thus insufficiently prepared to carry out their professional tasks. Two courses of action are therefore necessary: first, to expand the training of cadres already existing and second, to upgrade the level of teaching institutions.

1/ Project operations started under Preparatory Assistance in September 1977.
2/ Including the period under Preparatory Assistance, the total project duration will be five years.
3/ Includes provision of $68,700 for Executing Agency support costs.

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2. The present Government request for assistance constitutes a logical step towards transition to a higher level of training of the national cadres in agricultural statistics, more specifically in the field of agricultural analyses, studies and planning.

II. The project

3. The development objectives of the project consist of contributing towards the creation of self-sufficiency in agricultural products through perfecting the quality and the effectiveness of the national cadres in agricultural statistics and planning.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) establish a section for specialized training in agricultural statistics at the Institute for Agricultural Technology in Mostaganem; (b) create a section for the upgrading of officials in the field of agricultural statistics and planning at the Agricultural Training Centre of Ain Taya; and (c) provide direct support and advice to the Directorate for Studies and Planning in the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of three experts (two in agricultural planning and one in statistics), various consultants and some fellowships. An outlay will also be made for the purchase of certain equipment for training and testing as well as minibuses and other vehicles. In addition to its cost-sharing contribution, the Government will provide for professional and administrative support personnel, salaries for trainees abroad, buildings and for operating expenses.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	28	141 100	96	508 900	124	650 000
Training		19 000		107 200		126 200
Equipment		-		107 500		107 500
Miscellaneous		5 000		53 000		58 000
Total		165 100		776 600		941 700
Of which UNDP financed inputs		165 100		285 800		450 900
and Government cost sharing		-		490 800		490 800

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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN

Project title and number:	Agricultural Extension and Seed Introduction in the Tihama Region (YEM/77/003)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Tihama Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	December 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government additional input expressed in US dollars:	$2 168 400 (In kind: $1 185 300) (Cost sharing, convertible currency: $983 100) 3/
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	- 4/

1. Background

1. In consideration of the significant role of agriculture in the economy of Yemen and the significant under-utilized potential of the Tihama's land resources, the Government has identified development of that region as one of its major objectives in the agricultural sector. The present project for which preparatory assistance was approved in June 1978 5/ is the successor to the project Development of Agricultural Services in the Hodeidah Governorate (YEM/73/011) 6/. Assistance for full-scale activities has now been approved.

2. In its target areas of farmer education, institution-building and technology introduction, progress has been made in the first six months of project operations. A demonstration farm has been established and 46 demonstration fields planted. A new seed was introduced and four new extension centres opened.

1/ Project operations started in July 1978 under Preparatory Assistance.

2/ The project's duration, including the period of Preparatory Assistance, is three years.

3/ Includes provision of $120,700 for Executing Agency support costs.

4/ There is no UNDP financial contribution to the project.

5/ DP/PROJECTS/2351.

6/ DP/PROJECTS/1291.

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II. The project

3. The development objective of the project, to increase the introduction of new types of seed and crop production, remains unchanged.

4. The immediate objective of the project, to facilitate the adoption of improved technology by farmers in the Tihama region, also remains unchanged.

5. UNDP will provide,through the Executing Agency, for the services of a team leader/expert in agriucltural extension, an agricultural co-operatives specialist, a cotton production extensionist, a field crops extensionist, a horticultural crops extensionist and short-term consultants. In addition, it will provide for four volunteers, administrative support and equipment. The Executing Agency will directly arrange for the services of five associate experts, including one for the training of women farmers.

6. In addition to the cost sharing contribution the Government will provide the services of national project staff, buildings for offices and training centres, supplies and transportation directly to the project.

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	48	317 600	122	720 900	170	1 038 500
Equipment		220 000		50 000		270 000
Miscellaneous		14 000		91 500		105 500
		551 600		862 400		1 414 000
Of which UNDP financed inputs		-		-		-
and Government cost sharing		551 600		862 400		1 414 000

8. In addition to the total amount financed by the Government as shown above ($1,414,000), the Government is also paying $198,000 towards related Executing Agency support costs. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $1,819,800 in kind.

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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN

Project title and number:	Town Planning (Supplementary Assistance) (YEM/69/013)
Executing Agency:	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements 1/
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Municipalities
Date of approval:	November 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 2/
Duration:	- 3/
Estimated value of the Government additional input expressed in US dollars:	- 4/
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	$25 600 5/
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) 6/

1. Background

1. UNDP assistance to the present project was approved in June 1969 against the background of a nascent, but growing, urbanization trend in Yemen. The need for systematic attention to physical planning issues was being particularly felt with regard to Sana'a, the capital city, which was soon to be the location of large Government investments in the sphere of physical infrastructure. In response to a Government request, UNDP financed the services of a town planner and an architect. The former served in the project from May 1970 to April 1973. The latter joined

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1/ The project was executed by the United Nations till 31 December 1978.

2/ Project operations started in May 1970.

3/ Taking into account a twelve-month gap in project activities during 1975-1976, the project's duration, including the period covered under the present Supplementary Assistance, now stands at six years and six months.

4/ The present Supplementary Assistance does not entail any noteworthy increase in the Government input.

5/ With the present Supplementary Assistance, the total UNDP contribution amounts to $391,700.

6/ The UNDP contribution till 31 December 1971 was financed under the erstwhile UNDP/Technical Assistance Programme.

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him in March 1972 and remained with the project till July 1975. The two experts basically performed tasks of an operational nature. Two solid achievements with long-term implications were the creation of a clear awareness within the Government of the importance of physical planning as an anticipatory rather than a remedial activity and the recognition by the Government that traditional building materials and methods, suitably adapted, could be used to advantage in modern Yemen.

2. Following a Government decision to prepare comprehensive master plans for the country's three major cities (Sana'a, Taiz and Hodeidah) with the assistance of consulting firms, UNDP in 1975 provided the project with the services of a short-term consultant in connection with the drafting of the firms' terms of reference. The relevant contracts were awarded by the Government in 1976. In conjunction with these activities, UNDP, at the Government's request, agreed to finance the services of a new town planning expert for the provision of technical back-up to the Government in its dealings with the contractors and, at the institution-building plane, for the gradual building-up of a basic physical planning capacity in the Ministry of Municipalities. The expert joined the project in May 1976 and served in it till December 1977, when he was transferred to the position of Project Manager in a larger-scale and more comprehensive spatial planning UNDP-supported project entitled, Institutional Support in Physical Planning (YEM/77/001), 1/ which was agreed to in the wake of the formal establishment of a Physical Planning Department in the Ministry of Municipalities and the creation of a Central Council for Town and Regional Planning. UNDP assistance on a very limited scale, however, was again provided to the present project in 1978, when UNDP financed a three-person international review panel which evaluated a draft report of the consulting firms entrusted with the master planning mentioned above. The services of three short-term consultants were also financed to help ensure the implementation of the review panel's recommendations.

3. The present Supplementary Assistance provides for a second meeting of the review panel for an evaluation of the revised submissions of the consulting firms. UNDP is also financing the services of two additional short-term consultants - an urban development programmer and an evironmental engineer - for two months each.

II. The project

4. The project was formulated under the erstwhile UNDP/Technical Assistance procedures and its objectives have not been formally defined. It is evident from the foregoing that the project has made significant contributions to the initiation and expansion of spatial planning in Yemen.

5. The additional inputs covered by the present Supplementary Assistance have been described above in paragraph 3.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/2082.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	104.2	326 800	5.0	25 000	109.2	351 800
Equipment		16 200				16 200
Miscellaneous		13 000		600		13 600
		356 000		25 600		381 600

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

Village Forest Inventory (BGD/78/020)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	February 1979
Planned completion date:	January 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Forestry Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 343 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The Government of Bangladesh is committed to a policy of rural uplift which includes the supply of forest products to the people of the rural areas, as well as to the rural industries and city markets. The Government is also concerned to promote the integration of forest and agricultural crops in the optimum use of scarce land resources, where village forest products are generally grown as part of an interlocking agricultural/forest system in which the surplus is sold or bartered. As there is little current factual information available to the Government on the resources and uses of the products of the non-forest areas or of their potential for further development, assistance is needed to assess the possibilities of promoting rural uplift through the development of non-forest areas as improved sources of forest products for domestic and commercial use.

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II. Objectives and activities

2. The development objective of the project is to contribute to social and economic development in the national rural uplift programme by identifying the improved contribution that the village forest areas can make to this development through improving the capacity of the village forest system to increase raw material supplies in energy (fuel wood), construction materials, food, fodder, minor forest products; by improving village cash incomes by better marketing or decentralizing industries to village centres, and by identifying appropriate strategies and recommending action programmes to realize these contributions. Major activities include a national inventory of village forest resources and their uses, special studies of resource supplies to particular industries and the potential for developing forest supplies from village forests.

III. Inputs

3. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a team leader, inventory officer, consultants, administrative support, subcontracts for special studies and surveys, supplies and equipment.

4. The Government will provide the services of a senior officer as national director, a senior field officer, four assistant conservators of forests, training, buildings; equipment and supplies.

IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	263 400
Subcontract	30 000
Equipment	40 000
Miscellaneous	10 000
	343 400

6 The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $201,400 in kind.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

Assistance to Selected Engineering Industries
(BGD/77/019)

Report to the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	February 1979
Planned completion date:	December 1980
To be executed by:	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Government implementing agency:	Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC) (Ministry of Industries)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 347 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries

I. Background

1. The Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC) is a public sector corporation responsible for the management of about 42 operating units producing a variety of products which include tin containers, steel, ceiling fans, machine tools, electrical distribution equipment, diesel engines, small sea-going vessels and tugs. Since BSEC is heavily dependent upon imports of metal products the Government wishes to utilize its capital resources most effectively and improve BSEC's managerial and operational efficiency. The present project is designed to contribute towards this objective by strengthening the capabilities of the Planning and Implementation Division of BSEC and providing direct technical services to BSEC enterprises. This would enable BSEC to prepare more meaningful investment proposals and

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obtain more efficient use of capital machinery.

2. During an earlier UNDP/UNIDO project, Linkage Studies in Engineering Industries (BGD/75/002), it was found that there was considerable scope for improvements in the production practices of many units, which would result in more efficient use of installed machinery. The units also seemed likely to benefit from technical advice in quality control, maintenance and repair and general management which would reduce production costs and increase output. Advice was also needed for selection of new equipment and for the preparation of investment proposals. Since these activities were beyond the scope of the previous project, the need for further assistance was felt both by the Government and UNDP, resulting in the approval of this project. The need for this assistance was also supported by a study of the engineering industry made by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank).

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to provide training and technical services and assistance to selected BSEC enterprises for improving their operational efficiency and productivity and also the quality of their products. Project activities will include assessment of the major problem areas of the selected enterprises to provide a basis for a detailed project work programme. The skills of personnel and the existing methods of production planning, costing, budgeting and control, material testing, quality control, maintenance and service of machinery will be reviewed and analyzed, and recommendations to improve operations in these areas will be made and implemented.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of an industrial engineer, a material testing and quality control adviser and a maintenance and repair adviser, fellowships in engineering, costing, management and planning, and office equipment and vehicles.

5. The Government will provide qualified professional staff and support staff as required, office space, supplies and furniture.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	297 900
Training	30 000
Equipment	13 300
Miscellaneous	6 600
	347 800

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $29,300 in kind.

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project is designed to further strengthen the Cell and to transform its present mainly administratively-oriented role into that of a dynamic unit capable of initiating and implementing modern planning and evaluation techniques at the sectoral level, thus enabling the Ministry effectively to lead the various operational bodies under its responsibility.

II. Objectives and activities

2. The immediate objective of the project is to achieve improved planning and implementation of development programmes in the field of petroleum and mineral resources fully in line with the country's over-all development objectives and priorities and based on adequate analysis, surveys and studies as required for proper plan formulation and implementation as well as timely policy decisions. To this end the intensive on-the-job training programme for existing staff and specialized consultancy services will be strengthened so that by the end of 1980 the existing Planning and Implementation Cell of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources will have a permanent indigenous capacity and operational ability to: (a) formulate over-all policies and development strategies with respect to the exploration and exploitation of oil, gas, and mineral resources; (b) appraise, process and evaluate development schemes at the sectoral level; and (c) direct and co-ordinate activities of all relevant agencies and institutions active in the sector concerned through improved institutional linkages both with these agencies and institutions and with the national planning systems.

III. Inputs

3. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a chief technical adviser/economist planner, a petroleum geologist consultant and short-term consultants in specialized fields, to be decided at a later stage; for short-term fellowship training/study tours abroad and an intensive in-service training programme; and for equipment purchases and miscellaneous expenditures.

4. The Government will provide qualified professional and support staff, office space and supplies.

III. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	m/m	$
Personnel	60	316 300
Training		44 500
Equipment		14 900
Miscellaneous		12 300
		388 000

6. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $188,900 in kind.

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the advent of satellite communications, this rapid expansion is placing increasingly heavy strain on the available bands of the radio frequency spectrum. Frequency management, and the monitoring services on which effective management depends for basic information, is therefore a task of considerable technical complexity, for which developing countries must be properly equipped. At the present time, most countries in the developing Asia and Pacific region do not possess sufficient numbers of trained personnel to accomplish these tasks continuously and systematically.

II. Objectives and activities

2. The development objective of the project is to enable telecommunications administrations in the region to develop and improve radio frequency management and monitoring facilities and, in that context, to promote the use of internationally accepted technical standards, procedures and practices.

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) carry out regular training programmes for frequency management and monitoring personnel from the participating countries; and (b) advise telecommunications administrations in the region regarding improvement of their frequency management and monitoring facilities. The training programmes referred to under (a) above will be carried out in Singapore, where the Government has offered host facilities.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a project manager and two training experts. UNDP will also finance training fellowships and a regional training seminar plus a limited quantity of instructional equipment.

5. The host Government will provide training facilities and related operational and maintenance costs.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
International staff	12	37 000	78	387 100	90	424 100
Group training		-		197 000		197 000
Equipment		-		20 000		20 000
Miscellaneous		300		4 000		4 300
		37 300		608 100		645 400

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the host Government to the project is $690,500 in kind.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA

Book Development
(INS/78/076)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (under an advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	January 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Government implementing agency:	National Book Development Advisory Council
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval	$300 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The production and use of books in Indonesia has, for some time, shown an insufficient level of development. This was partly due to Indonesia's strong oral tradition, the high tax and other levies which did not encourage the national production or the import of books and which placed the cost of books beyond the reach of the masses.

2. The Government has recently taken steps to improve the situation. The measures envisaged are far-reaching and deep, calling for a review of almost every aspect of book development in Indonesia. In order to implement this new programme a recent Presidential Decree (No. 5, 1978) has established the National Book Development Council (BPPBN). The aim of the BPPBN is to prepare and co-ordinate an over-all national policy on book development.

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II. Objectives and activities

3. The development objective of the project is to promote, encourage and develop all aspects of the production, distribution and use of books in Indonesia.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: assist in the formulation of policies related to all phases of book production; create a favourable climate for private and publishing companies to produce more and better books; assist existing businesses and institutions related to books, in building up information and training facilities locally and in making maximum use of overseas facilities; sponsor and support competitions and prizes for manuscripts, book design and related accomplishments; and encourage book ownership and reading habits especially in relation to national and regional development efforts.

III. Inputs

5. The UNDP contribution to the project will cover expert services in book and library development, fellowships, equipment and miscellaneous items.

6. The Government will provide technical support services and office facilities directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	m/m	$
Personnel	40	185 000
Training		107 600
Equipment		6 000
Miscellaneous		1 400
		300 000

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $689,200.

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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MONGOLIA

Management Development Centre
(MON/79/001)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1979
Starting date of project activities:	August 1979
Planned completion date:	August 1982
To be executed by:	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Government implementing agency:	State Committee for Higher Special Secondary Education and Vocational Training
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$871 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. One of the major problems Mongolia faces in its development efforts is a shortage of trained managers. The development of the industrial sector, in particular, to be brought about through intensive inputs of capital and advanced technology requires highly skilled workers and experienced and trained managers. The Mongolian Government plans to establish a Management Development Centre which will co-ordinate the training needs of all sectors of the economy. UNDP assistance has been requested to develop the training capability of this National Centre which will, in particular, concentrate on middle management levels and thus ensure that the most effective use is made of skilled workers.

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2. The project may be considered as making a special contribution to social and economic development and is in accordance with General Assembly resolutions relating to the development of manpower in the context of expanding the shift from low-level education to educational systems providing economy-related higher professional knowledge.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The long-range objectives of the project are to achieve an increased rate of economic growth in the country and to improve the well-being of the people through more effective use of human and material resources.

4. The availability of trained and qualified managers is expected to result in higher production quality and thereby achieve these ends.

5. The immediate objectives of the project are to assist the Government in setting up in Ulan Bator a National Management Development Centre and to assist in the training of highly skilled managers capable of extending and developing the work commenced by the international experts.

III. Inputs

6. The UNDP contribution to the project will provide for the services of experts in management and related fields, fellowships, expendable and non-expendable equipment.

7. The Government will provide counterpart personnel, premises and supporting services directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	$
Personnel	528 000
Training	130 900
Equipment	191 600
Miscellaneous	20 500
	871 000

9. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $4,168,500.

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Asian Regional Skill Development Programme
(ARSDEP) (RAS/78/031)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (under an advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Government implementing agencies:	Ministries and Departments concerned with Vocational Training
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 330 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The countries of the Asia and Pacific Region are characterized by high levels of unemployment and poverty. According to data supplied by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in 1975, there were 18 million unemployed and 168 million underemployed persons, together constituting 20 per cent of the total labour force of the developing countries of the Region. The Governments of the Region in their development plans envisage that employment will be the key element in alleviating poverty, maintaining a reasonable level of economic growth, and ensuring social justice. The employment strategies vary with the conditions, endowments and institutions of each of the countries but most of them regard vocational training as one of the major components of an employment-oriented development programme.

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2. The Asian Regional Skill Development Programme was organized to implement activities relevant to the employment needs of the participants. It will primarily be an instrument for inter-country collaboration and co-ordination in manpower development. It will serve as a forum for the examination and resolution of issues in manpower training that are common to the countries of the Region or where applicable, of a subregion. It will serve as a machinery for the systematic collection and dissemination of training materials, information, experience about manpower training and the exchange of expertise in training. It will also promote collaboration in training in order to make maximum use of available training resources in the Region.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The long-term objectives of the ARSDEP project are to: (a) eliminate unemployment and underemployment by improving training for productive employment; (b) increase labour productivity through better training; and (c) improve accessibility to training systems for a greater number of young people.

4. The direct programme objectives and activities of the ARSDEP proposal are the following: (a) policy development in training; (b) planning and programming of training activities; (c) intercountry and inter/institutional cooperation; (d) organization and administration of training; (e) training in rural areas; and (f) support services to training institutions.

5. The focal point for these activities will be national training institutions with the support of the Ministries of Labour, Manpower, Education, and Planning, and private organizations. The degree of the participation of the countries will differ according to the extent of their need as well as to their willingness and ability to support their programme.

III. Inputs

6. The participating Governments will provide local staff, some equipment, supplies, materials, local travel costs, and local costs in support of studies. UNDP inputs will be concerned with financing international experts, consultants, sub-contracts to regional institutions, travel for experts, subregional training courses and symposia, and miscellaneous and sundry items.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	$
Personnel	906 300
Subcontracts	37 500
Training	281 100
Equipment	57 500
Miscellaneous	48 100
	1 330 500

8. The Governments will pay $960,000 towards related Executing Agency support costs. This amount, as expressed in US dollars, will be provided in kind.

9. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) will also pay $412,000 towards related Executing Agency support costs.

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Asian Regional Project for Strengthening Labour/Manpower Administration (ARPLA) (Phase II) (RAS/78/059)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	February 1979
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
Government implementing agencies:	Ministries/Departments of Labour/ Manpower of the Participating Governments
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 1 095 300
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The present Phase II project was preceded by a first phase project (RAS/72/069)[1/] whose main objective was to assist Asian and Pacific Governments in developing labour administration systems suited to their respective development efforts. At a tripartite review of the project in June 1977, attended by the participating Governments, the Executing Agency, and UNDP, the further continuation of the project activities under a Phase II project was recommended.

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2. Pending finalization of the full project proposal for the Phase II project, Preparatory Assistance was approved in December 1978 2/ to cover the first year of project operations and was utilized to finance a core staff and related consultancy inputs required for the maintenance and implementation of already-committed activities, which were essential to sustain the operational momentum of the programme.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objective of the project remains to assist in increasing the capacity of Governments to identify, formulate, articulate, implement, and evaluate activities in the field of labour and manpower. Member Governments will be provided with knowledge and expertise for the formulation and implementation of workable labour policies which promote national economic and social development and ensure equitable income distribution. The organization and operational capacity of labour ministries will be developed in some countries and upgraded in others, in order effectively to administer manpower and to participate in national development efforts. Labour ministries will be helped in needed orientation and organizational adjustments, so that they may better meet changing situations. Training for personnel in labour administration will be provided to promote professionalism in personnel working on labour questions, and a regional research and information system will be developed as an instrument for the development of labour policy and administration in the Region. The project will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among labour administration professionals of the Region and will serve as a machinery for regional co-operation among national systems of labour administration.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved, UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, three experts in labour economics and labour studies, human resources, and in the organization of manpower services, as well as short-term consultants in various fields. UNDP will also provide for group training, subcontractual services for special studies and reports, and a modicum of support equipment.

5. The Governments will provide manpower resources, hosting facilities for meetings, training inputs and funds for publications and training materials directly to the project.

2/ DP/PROJECTS/2456.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Personnel	256 600	501 300	757 900
Subcontracts	12 000	24 000	36 000
Training	138 000	516 000	654 000
Equipment	7 500	22 500	30 000
Miscellaneous	10 000	31 500	41 500
	424 100	1 095 300	1 519 400

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly to the project, by the Governments concerned, is $466,000 in kind. An additional $389,900 will be provided by the International Labour Organisation to cover the costs of the Senior Adviser and his support staff.

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Establishment of a Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia
(RAS/76/003)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1979
Starting date of project activities:	June 1979
Planned completion date:	May 1983
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agencies:	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (Philippines) Bankhen Fish Culture Station of the Directorate of Fisheries (Thailand) Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) (India)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 191 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Although aquaculture is a traditional industry in Asia, much of the region's current aquaculture production derives from only three or four countries. The industry has suffered from inadequate recognition and support for a long time and it is only in recent years that the Governments have begun to devote attention to this important means of food production. Increased fishing pressure on national fish stocks and the reduced yield from

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conventional fisheries have served to focus attention on aquaculture as a means of meeting fish production requirements in most of the countries of the region. Preliminary analyses of supply and demand for fishery products have shown that aquaculture is the only means of filling the gaps in the amount and future supplies of many of the favoured aquafoods.

II. Objectives and activities

2. The long-range objective of the project is to enable large-scale development of viable aquaculture through the improvement of existing technologies and the development of new techniques and practices in the region, and the development of the necessary technical expertise for implementation of production-oriented projects.

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: establish three regional Lead Centres (India, Philippines and Thailand) to train senior aquaculturists; carry out research on the more important culture systems to be employed in the region for production programmes; and undertake the collection, storage and dissemination of information. A selected number of existing national centres will be developed for linkage with the Lead Centres for free exchange of experience and expertise.

4. Activities will concentrate in the areas of research, training, equipment procurement, liaison with aquaculture networks in Africa and Latin America.

III. Inputs

5. The international staff will consist of a research co-ordinator who will, with the help of specialist consultants, assist the team in conducting systems-oriented research, review results and maintain proper orientation of research efforts. He will also co-ordinate the activities of the three Lead Centres and associated national centres in order that they function effectively as a network. In addition, there will be a senior aquatic instructor at the Lead Centre in the Philippines to be in over-all charge of training activities.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	651 800
Equipment	500 000
Miscellaneous	40 000
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Fish Farming Development
LAO/78/015

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	April 1979
Starting date of project activities:	June 1979 (Planned)
Planned completion date:	March 1982
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Department of Livestock and Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Irrigation).
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$577 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The Lao People's Democratic Republic is a land-locked country and its main sources of fish are from the Mekong and Nam Ngum rivers. While development of the Mekong river basin is expected to increase agricultural production, the adverse effects on upstream fisheries production is reported to be significant, particularly on the livelihood of artisanal fishermen, who produce about 10,000 tons out of the total estimated annual fish production of 30,000 tons for the whole country. Dam and reservoir construction is expected to decrease production in the riverine fishery and inundated zones by about 22,000 tons.

2. To counter this drop in production, as well as to encourage greater fish consumption by the rural population, efforts are under way to increase fish farming in newly created water surface areas such as reservoirs, village ponds and irrigation schemes. At present these efforts are thwarted by the inadequate supply of fish seed and the lack of trained manpower.

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II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) rehabilitate, expand and improve five existing fish-seed farms in Pakse, Savannakhet, Luang Prabang, Xieng Khouang and Houa Phan; (b) improve production of quality fish seed for distribution to farmers; (c) demonstrate integrated fish/crop/livestock production systems to farmers; and (d) train aquaculture technicians in improved techniques of fish-seed and food-fish production.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved, UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency for: the services of a project co-ordinator, consultants in specialized fields such as extension and training, aquaculture engineering, and others; a study tour in agro-aquaculture development in the Asian region, as well as group training; and laboratory, hatchery and training equipment.

5. To carry out the activities for which assistance is approved, the Government will provide: professional and administrative support personnel; office buildings, furniture and supplies.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	$
Personnel	231 700
Training	47 000
Equipment	279 300
Miscellaneous	19 000
	577 000

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project, is $249,200 in kind.

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Fish Farming Development
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Corrigendum

As shown above the project number should read: LAO/78/014.

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